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Volume 5

Summer 2011 Newsletter

Concert in the Park Series

The **Concert in the Park Series** starts this month and we look forward to everyone joining us. There are many great bands slated to perform.



Our upcoming concerts are:

- July 10 – Philly Funk Authority
- July 17 – The Mango Men
- July 24 – Runa
- July 31 – Shake, Rattle & Soul
- August 7 – Daisy Jug Band
- August 14 – Quakertown Band

Our concerts are held Sunday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Memorial Park. In the event of inclement weather the concert will be Monday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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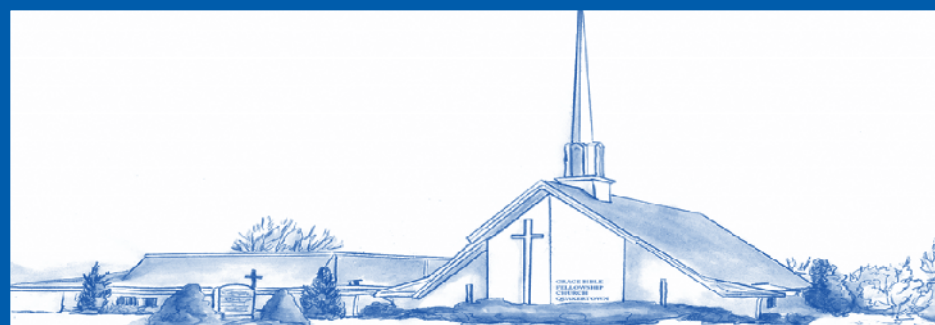


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- Vacation Bible School for Children entering K-6th grade (This year it will take place August 1-5 from 9am-11:30am)
- “Keenagers” - Senior Adults’ Monthly Luncheon during the months of September thru May

Sunday Hours:

June - August
 9 am - Worship Service
 9:40 am - Children’s Church
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 6:30 pm - Evening Worship

Sunday Hours:

September—May
 9 am - Sunday School for all ages
 10:10 am - Worship Service
 6:30 pm - Evening Worship except on 2nd & 4th Sundays
 2nd & 4th Sunday evenings—Small Group Fellowships

Wednesday Hours:

June - August
 7 pm - Kid’s Club
 7 pm - Adult Study & Prayer

Wednesday Hours:

September - May
 6:30 pm - Awana for children
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 6:45 pm - Young Adults
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 7:30 pm - Teens for Christ (Senior High)

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Borough Hall.....	215-536-5001
Utility Billing	267-347-5009
Police Administration	215-536-5002
Police Non-Emergency Dispatch.....	215-795-2931
Electric Department	215-536-5003
Wastewater Department	215-536-5004
Highway Department	215-536-5005
Water Department.....	215-536-5855
Swimming Pool.....	215-536-5235
"K.I.D.S." Program - Skating Shelter	215-538-0331
24-hour Anonymous Crime Tip Line.....	267-371-5094
 Utility Emergency after hours	 215-721-3520

The Borough office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For your convenience, utility payments can be made at the drive through area located behind Borough Hall. When the office is closed, utility payments can be deposited in the side door of Borough Hall.

Borough Council's regular meeting is normally the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. The work session meeting is usually the fourth Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. All meetings are open to the public. Council Chamber's is handicap accessible. If you want to confirm a meeting date, please check our website at www.quakertown-pa.gov.

Planning Commission Meeting is held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

UTILITY PAYMENT ADDRESS CHANGE

The Borough of Quakertown's contract with TD Bank for the collection and processing of utility payments expired on April 1, 2011. For the most efficient and accurate processing, your check should always be payable to the Borough of Quakertown and mailed with the payment coupon. Payments received at this address are processed the same day and applied to your utility account. It is very important that payments are mailed to the following address and not to the TD Bank lockbox to eliminate delinquency.

Borough of Quakertown
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35 North Third Street
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ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

During the summer months we will begin our street improvement projects. We know that this is an inconvenience, especially to those who live on the streets that are being repaired. We do our best to adhere to the schedule but with inclement weather and/or equipment malfunction that is not always possible.

Some of these streets may or may not be done this year due to funding but we hope to complete all if possible.

- Mill Road & Trumbauersville Road
- Seventh Street from W. Broad to Juniper Streets
- Highland Avenue from N. Penrose to N. Ambler Streets
- Heller Road from N. Hellertown Avenue to Borough Line
- New Street between N. Ambler Street and dead end
- Fairview Avenue from Ronald Reagan Drive to Route 313
- N. Penrose Street from E. Broad Street to Erie Avenue
- Elm Street from E. Broad Street to Erie Avenue



"K.I.D.S." 6-13 Youth Recreation Program

It's back...and it's better than ever! K.I.D.S. old and new are invited out to Memorial Park for a summer of smiles, laughs and good old fashioned fun. The K.I.D.S. Program (Kids Involved Doing Something), sponsored by the Borough of Quakertown, provides children ages 6-13 with opportunities for cooperative play, crafts, arts and many assorted special events. The K.I.D.S. Program is scheduled for June 27 through August 5.

Sign up for the K.I.D.S. Program any day during the program at the skating shelter at 50 N. Fourth Street, Quakertown.

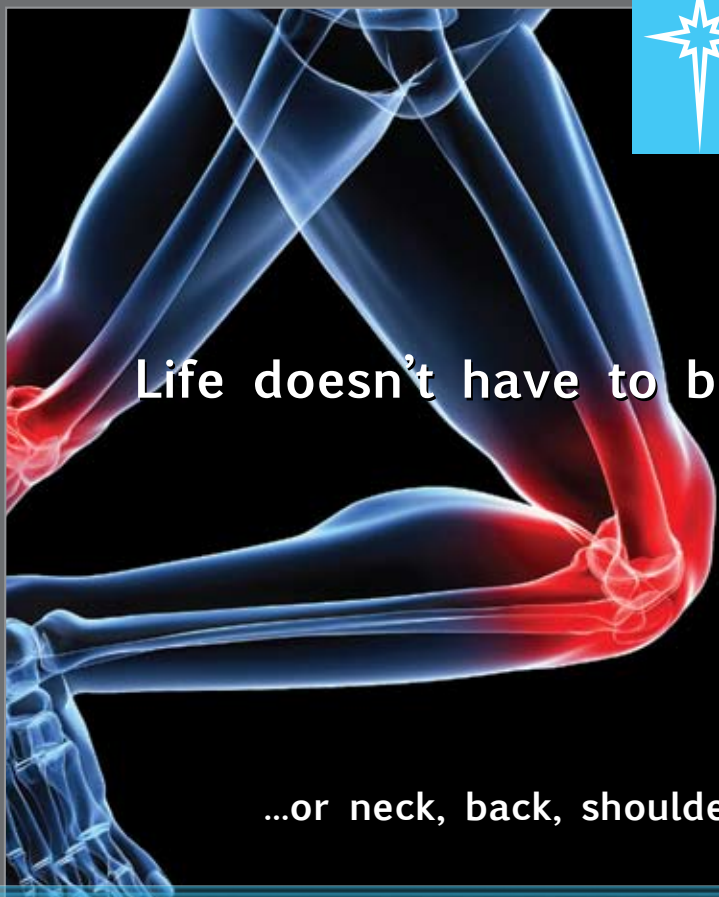
Information and registration forms for this program are available at Borough Hall or available to download from our website, www.quakertown-pa.gov.

The tentative schedule is:

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday: Ages 9 and up - 8:45 am to 11:45 am
- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: Ages 6 – 8 - 8:45 am to 11:45 am
- Monday - REF: Ages 10 and up - 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Family Night is every Tuesday from 6:00 pm and 9:00 pm, where children and parents are invited to the Memorial Park for a night of entertainment.

Evening Recreation Night is every Wednesday night from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, where new games and other fun are waiting for you.



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21 THINGS A BURGLAR WON'T TELL YOU.....

If you are planning to vacate your house this summer you should consider the mind of a burglar. That is what Chris McGoey a security consultant and Richard Wright a university professor did by interviewing 105 convicted burglars in four different states. They published a book called *Burglars on the Job* which provides an honest look of burglar's techniques, preferences, and opinions and how we can learn through the "eyes" of a burglar. The following is an excerpt from their book *Burglars on the Job* :

1. "Sometimes, I carry a clipboard. Sometimes, I dress like a lawn guy and carry a rake. I do my best to never, ever look like a crook.

2. The two things I hate most: loud dogs and nosy neighbors.

3. I'll break a window to get in, even if it makes a little noise. If your neighbor hears one loud sound, he'll stop what he's doing and wait to hear it again. If he doesn't hear it again, he'll just go back to what he was doing. It's human nature.

4. I'm not complaining, but why would you pay all that money for a fancy alarm system and leave your house without setting it?

5. I love looking in your windows. I'm looking for signs that you're home, and for flat screen TVs or gaming systems I'd like. I'll drive or walk through your neighborhood at night, before you close the blinds, just to pick my targets.

6. Avoid announcing your vacation on your Facebook page. It's easier than you think to look up your address.

7. To you, leaving that window open just a crack during the day is a way to let in a little fresh air. To me, it's an invitation.

8. If you don't answer when I knock, I try the door. Occasionally, I hit the jackpot and just walk right in.

9. Of course I look familiar. I was just here last week cleaning your carpets, painting your shutters, or delivering your refrigerator.

10. Hey, thanks for letting me use the bathroom when I was working in your yard last week. While I was in there, I unlatched the back window to make my return a little easier.

11. Love those flowers. That tells me you have taste, and taste means there are nice things inside. Those yard toys your kids leave out

always make me wonder what type of gaming system they have.

12. Yes, I really do look for newspapers piled up on the driveway, and I might leave a pizza flyer in your front door to see how long it takes for you to remove it.

13. If it snows while you are out of town, get a neighbor to create a car and foot tracks into the house. Virgin drifts in the driveway are a dead giveaway.

14. If decorative glass is part of your front entrance, don't let your alarm company install the control pad where I can see if it's set. That makes it too easy.

15. A good security company alarms the window over the sink. And the windows on the second floor, which often access the master bedroom and your jewelry. It's not a bad idea to put motion detectors up there too.

16. It's raining, you're fumbling with your umbrella, and you forget to lock your door-understandable. But understand this: I don't take a day off because of bad weather.

17. I always knock first. If you answer, I'll ask for directions somewhere or offer to clean your gutters. Don't take me up on it!

18. Do you really think I won't look in your sock drawer? I always check dresser drawers, the bedside table, and the medicine cabinet.

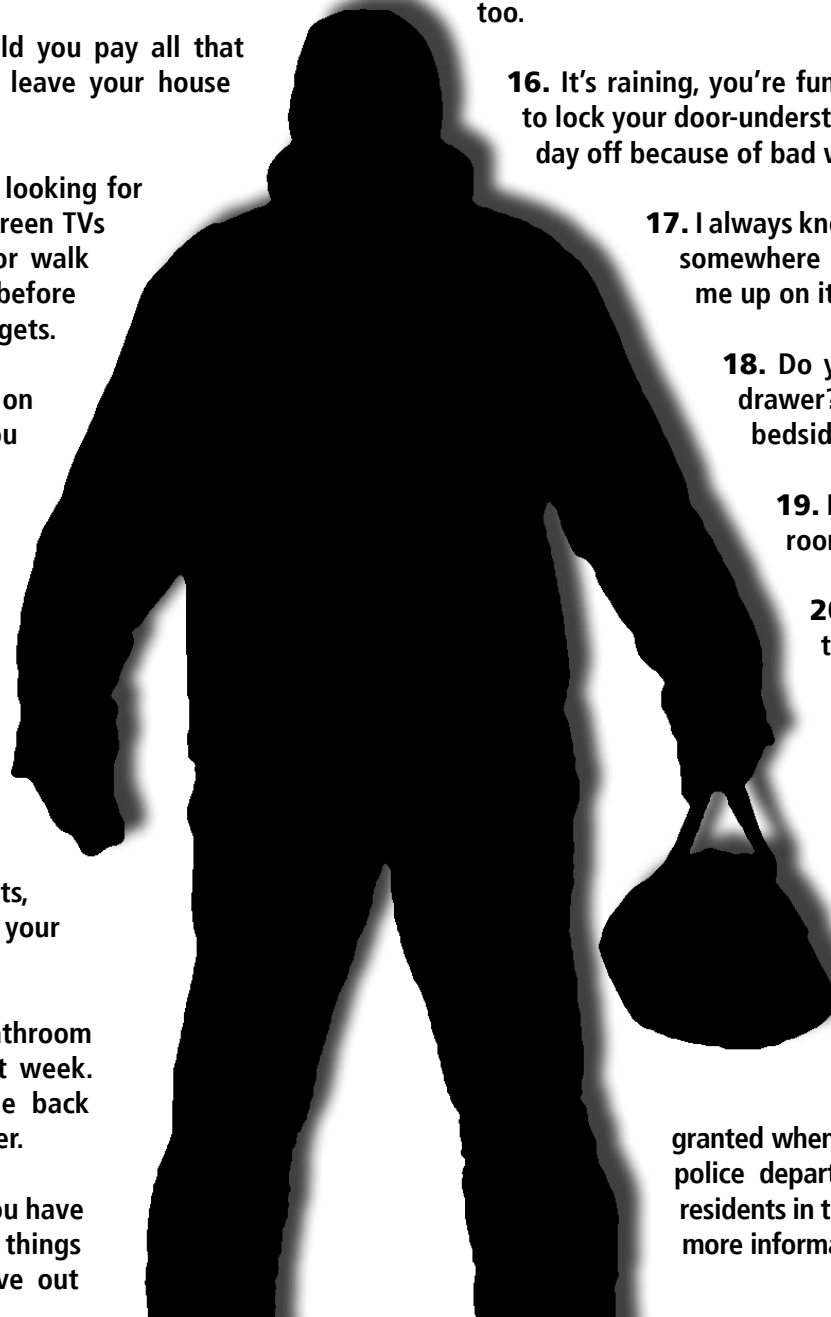
19. Helpful hint: I almost never go into the kid's rooms.

20. You're right. I won't have enough time to break into that safe where you keep your valuables. But if it's not bolted down, I'll take it with me.

21. A loud TV or radio can be a great deterrent. If you're reluctant to leave your TV on while you're out of town, you can buy a \$35 device that works on a timer and simulates the flickering glow of a real TV."

The moral of this story is to think "street smart" to deter the chances of being victimized. Don't take anything for granted when it comes to home safety. As a reminder, our police department will complete vacation requests for residents in the Borough. Please contact 215-536-5002 for more information.

PtIm. Robert Lee





DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4, 2011	Independence Day No Trash pick up. Monday trash route will be picked up on Tuesday. Community Day in Memorial Park Pancake Breakfast 8:00 am Fireworks at Dusk Borough Hall Closed
July 10, 2011	Concert in the Park Philly Funk Authority 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
July 16, 2011	Blue Dollar Day with B101 Quakertown Community Pool All passes \$1.00 plus a donation to the Quakertown Food Pantry.
July 17, 2011	Concert in the Park The Mango Men 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
July 24, 2011	Concert in the Park Runa (Celtic) 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
July 31, 2011	Concert in the Park Shake, Rattle & Soul 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
August 2, 2011	National Night Out 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Rain date: August 6, 2011
August 2-6, 2011	Quakertown Fire Department Carnival Memorial Park Nightly 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm Saturday 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm
August 7, 2011	Concert in the Park Daisy Jug Band 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
August 14, 2011	Concert in the Park The Quakertown Band 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
All concerts have a Monday rain date.	
August 19, 2011	Teen Night at Quakertown Community Pool Teens pay \$1.00 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Free Concert by UBACE, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
September 5, 2011	Labor Day No Trash pick up. Monday trash route will be picked up on Tuesday. Borough Hall Closed
September 16, 2011	Movie Night in the Park With the Quakertown Police Department 7:30 pm
September 24, 2011	Brush Drop off Erie Road entrance to Sewer plant 9:00 am – 12:00 pm



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As a reminder, as per Borough Ordinance 1143 Section 101: "Smoking by any person is prohibited in all Borough of Quakertown Municipal Parks. It shall be unlawful for any person to carry or use a lighted pipe, cigar or cigarette in these locations."



SUMMER ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Electrical safety awareness can help keep summer outdoor activities from becoming disasters. To avoid electrical hazards during warm weather, make sure you understand safety procedures during lightning storms, tornados, hurricanes, and when around water. Top electrical hazards during the summer are often related to storms. Lightning strikes, power outages and electrical hazards in the aftermath of storms are often the cause of death and injury.

Hot weather brings increased use of air conditioners. Contact with electric current from air conditioners accounts for a significant number of electrocutions and electrical injuries annually. Remember to “test before you touch” to avoid death, injury and economic loss due to electrical hazards.

Whether at home or in the work place, there are a number of safety precautions that can reduce the chance of deaths, injuries and economic losses due to electrical hazards.

- Use ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs) to help prevent electrocutions.
- Understand your electrical system—know which fuse or circuit breaker controls each switch, light and outlet.
- Make sure circuits are turned off before starting work, and take measures to make sure they are not turned back on while working.
- Use a circuit tester. Make sure it is working by testing it before and after you use it to test the circuit.
- Always “test before you touch”.

Flooded Areas — Take care when stepping into a flooded area, and be aware that submerged outlets or electrical cords may energize the water, posing a potential lethal trap.

Wet Electrical Equipment — Do not use electrical appliances that have been wet. Water can damage the motors in electrical appliances, such as furnaces, freezers, refrigerators, washing machines, and dryers. Electrical parts can become grounded and pose an electric shock hazard or overheat and cause a fire.

A qualified service repair dealer may be able to recondition electrical equipment that has been wet. Certain equipment will require complete replacement. Consult a trained professional to determine if a repair is possible.

Work Safely Around Electricity

- Look up and around – always be aware of the location of power lines.
- Be especially careful when working near power lines attached to your house. Keep equipment and yourself at least 10 feet from lines.
- Never trim trees near power lines – if you see a tree growing too near power lines, call us at 215-536-5003 to report it.
- Never climb a utility pole, and never attach anything to a utility pole.
- If your project includes digging, like building a deck or planting a tree, call PA 1 Call at 800-242-1776 for underground locates at least two business days before you dig. This service is free, prevents the inconvenience of having utilities interrupted, and can help you avoid serious injury.
- Electricity and water do not mix! If it’s raining or the ground is wet, avoid using electric yard tools.
- Protect outdoor electrical outlets with weatherproof covers and ground-fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). Indoor outlets near water sources should also have GFCIs.

Play Safely Around Electricity

- Stay away from power lines. Always assume they are “live and dangerous”.
- Never climb trees near power lines.
- Never touch outdoor wires with any part of your body or other objects.
- Fly kites and model airplanes in large open areas like a park or a field, safely away from trees and overhead power lines. If a kite gets stuck in a tree that is near power lines, do not climb up to get it.
- Never go into an electric substation for any reason - even on a dare. Electric substations contain high-voltage equipment, which can kill you. Never rescue a pet that goes inside. Call your local electric utility instead.

Stay safe this summer.



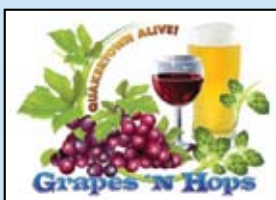
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PRESENTS

Quakertown Alive! has been busy this year and would like to thank all our sponsors for all our events.

The 2011 First Annual Quakertown Garden Tour presented by Quakertown Alive! was held on June 12, 2011. Log on to our website to see pictures and memories from the tour. Quakertown Alive! and the Garden Affairs committee we would like to thank everyone who participated to make the tour a grand success! Planning has already begun for the 2nd annual Garden Affairs to be held on June 10, 2012.

We have a lot of fun in store for everyone for the summer season starting with the Properties of Merit. This is our fifth year of Properties of Merit. If you feel there is a property in Quakertown that should be considered please contact us. Judging will take place in late summer and a reception for the winners will be held in October.



Join us for the First Annual Grapes 'N Hops Brew Fest being held October 22, 2011 at the Historic Quakertown Train Station.

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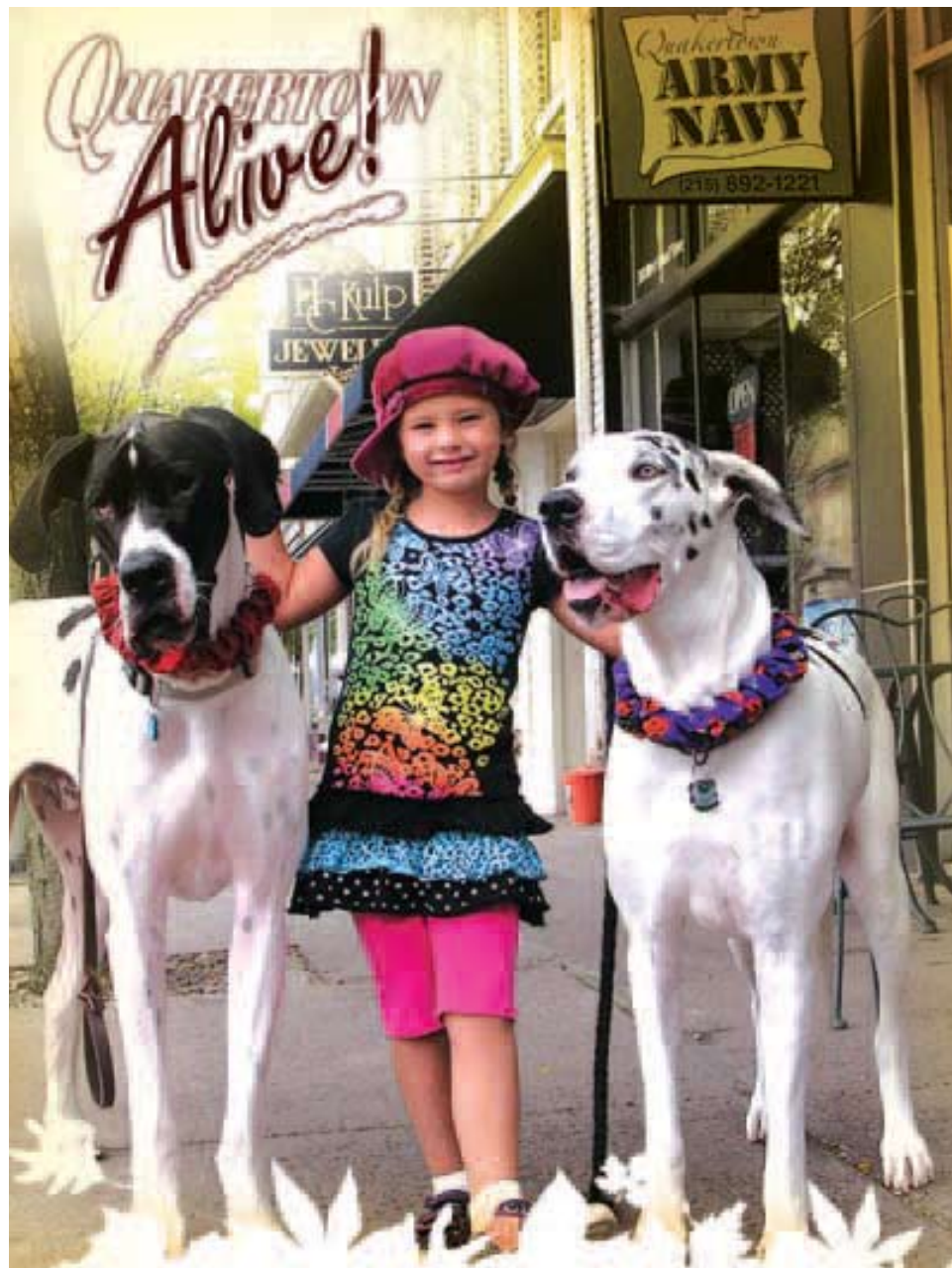
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OVERVIEW OF STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATION IN PENNSYLVANIA

Any development activity that changes the surface features of land also affects what happens when precipitation occurs. The result can have an impact on the chemical, physical and/or biological properties of the streams, rivers, and lakes that ultimately receive the runoff. In order to protect water quality, such development activities are regulated under the federal Clean Water Act, as well as Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law and the Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act.

The stormwater management program is administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). It requires stormwater be treated to the maximum extent practicable. Modeled after the federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, Pennsylvania's program establishes permit requirements for construction sites disturbing more than one acre, industrial sites, and Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s).

The Pennsylvania Stormwater Management Act of 1978 (more commonly known as Act 167) actually provides the legislative basis for statewide stormwater management. It requires that counties within designated watersheds develop stormwater management plans, and that each affected municipality adopt specific stormwater ordinances to implement their respective Act 167 plan. Pennsylvania has 2566 municipalities and 376 designated stormwater management watersheds—each with a diverse set of natural, social, and cultural features—and this unique "sharing" of power and authority between levels of government was designed to provide flexibility to address the specific characteristics of each watershed.

In 1990 federal Clean Water Act regulations established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES), requiring large construction sites, certain industrial facilities, and municipalities with populations of 100,000 or more (large and medium MS4s) to obtain NPDES (Phase I) permits and develop stormwater management plans. In 1999, NPDES Phase II was signed into law to build on the initial program. While Phase I applied to construction sites affecting 5 acres or more, Phase II required all individual land development projects that disturb one acre or more to obtain permits. Phase II also required small municipalities to obtain permits for their stormwater discharges. Whether small or large construction site, industrial facility, or MS4, each permit holder must implement and enforce a stormwater management program that reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable.

In Pennsylvania, most NPDES permits are administered by county conservation districts through delegation agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Conservation districts process and authorize the permit applications, conduct site inspections, respond to complaints, and in certain circumstances, conduct enforcement actions.

In September 2002, in an attempt to integrate its various stormwater management programs and promote a comprehensive watershed approach to stormwater management, DEP finalized a Comprehensive Stormwater Management Policy, DEP Policy No. 392-0300-002. The Pennsylvania Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual was released in December 2006 to assist with the implementation of the Policy. The stated goal of the Manual is "to protect, maintain, and improve the Commonwealth's water resources, while allowing for the continued growth and development of Pennsylvania."



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THREE steps for All Swimmers

PLEASE don't swim when you have diarrhea. You can spread germs in the water and make other people sick.

PLEASE don't swallow pool water. Avoid getting water in your mouth.

PLEASE practice good hygiene. Shower with soap before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Germs on your body end up in the water.



THREE steps for Parents of Young Kids

PLEASE take your kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often. Waiting to hear "I have to go" may mean that it's too late.

PLEASE change diapers in a bathroom or a diaper-changing area and not at poolside. Germs can be spread in and around the pool.

PLEASE wash your child thoroughly (especially the rear end) with soap and water before they go swimming. Invisible amounts of fecal matter can end up in the pool.



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DEALING WITH SEWERS & PREVENTING BACKUPS

A sewer backup can create a stressful and emotional situation for the homeowner/renter. In some cases, it may cause health and safety concerns as well as significant property loss. A proper response to a sewer backup can greatly minimize property damage and diminish the threat of illness.

The Borough of Quakertown makes every effort to be responsive to residents' needs and concerns when a sewer backup occurs. The Borough of Quakertown has a crew whose main duty is to inspect, clean and maintain sewers. Unfortunately, because a sewer is not a closed system, many things that are put into the sewer can clog the system. Large amounts of grease from homes and disposable diapers are two common items that cause problems. Another problem is tree roots, which can grow into and obstruct the system.

While the Borough of Quakertown has adopted rules prohibiting the discharge of any substance likely to cause a sewer obstruction, and we try to educate the public about the problems they cause, there is really no way we can absolutely prevent this from happening. Many factors can cause backups and they are beyond the scope of normal maintenance. Many homeowners' insurance policies exclude damage resulting from sewer backups. However, some insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage. **If you are concerned about the possibility of a sewer backup and want to assure that you are covered, we urge you to check with your home insurer regarding the availability of sewer backup insurance, and include cleanup costs as well as repairs and replacement.** Courts have determined that local governments are liable only if there is negligent operation of a system. The Borough cannot guarantee that a public system will not backup. Items such as disposable diapers and grease (as well as toys and dentures) that are placed into the system by residents and businesses can cause unavoidable backups despite regular maintenance and cleaning of lines. If you use your basement for storage of valuable antiques or spend a lot of money refinishing that basement, get that extra insurance! Also, you may want to check with your plumber about installing a back flow prevention valve. It may cost you several hundred dollars but it may save your basement.

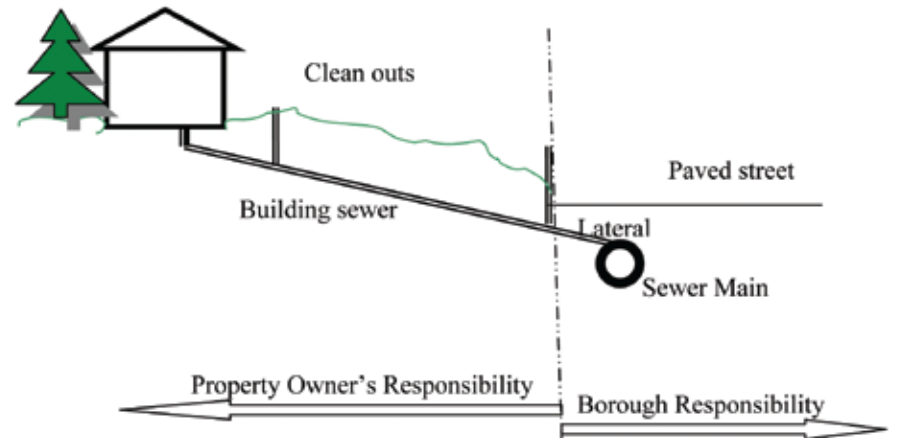
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If you experience a sewer problem, please call the wastewater department at 215-536-5004 during normal working hours (Mon-Fri, 7:00 am - 3:30 pm) or the answering service at 215-721-3520 at other times and state that you are reporting a sewer emergency. Backed up sewer lines, line breaks, sewage odors and overflowing manholes are considered an emergency. **CALL THE BOROUGH OF QUAKERTOWN FIRST** before calling a plumber if you think you may have a problem. We will check the sewer main and lateral and then inform you of our findings. There is no cost

to you for the borough to check. Of course, we would prefer that you call during normal work hours to save all of us the expense of overtime. If the problem is not in the main line sewer or lateral, you will be advised to contact a plumber or sewer/drain cleaning service.

BUILDING SEWER vs. LATERAL vs. SEWER MAIN:

The building sewer is the pipe that extends from the connection point through your yard and into the building. The owner of the property is responsible for maintaining and cleaning the building sewer within the building as well as the line in the property up to the connection point. A cleanout is required past the connection point and is considered part of the building sewer. A sewer main is a pipeline, usually in the street or through a right-of-way that transports the sewage from many homes and buildings to the wastewater treatment plant. A sewer lateral is the short pipe line that extends from the sewer main to the curb line or property line, or where the building sewer connects. The Borough is responsible for the sewer main only.



More often than not, the cause of a backup in the lateral or building sewer is from items that the line is not meant to handle, such as kid's toys, underwear, candles, towels, diapers, paper products (other than toilet paper), keys, and even false teeth. To avoid flushing these items, remember to close the toilet lid. What you flush down the toilet may not only affect you, but it might also cause problems for your neighbors! Another possible cause of problems could be roots in your building sewer. It's best not to plant trees or bushes above your building sewer. The building sewer is the responsibility of the owner of the property from the house to the connection point of the lateral. You will need to call a plumber or sewer/drain cleaning service. Check your Yellow Pages. The Borough of Quakertown cannot make a recommendation. It may be in your best interest to obtain several estimates.

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**...CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11****WAYS TO PREVENT BACKUPS IN YOUR BUILDING SEWER, LATERAL AND THE MAIN LINE SEWER:**

The property owner can do many things to prevent the sewers from backing up. If everyone would be careful about how they dispose of certain products, our systems would be a great deal more efficient, experience far fewer backups, cost us all less money, and prevent a lot of misery.

- **Grease:** Cooking oil should be poured into a heat-resistant container and disposed of, after it cools off, in the garbage, not the drain. Some people assume that washing grease down the drain with hot water is satisfactory. This grease goes down the drain, cools off, and solidifies either in the drain, the property owners' line, or in the main sewer. When this happens, the line constricts, and eventually clogs.
- **Paper Products:** Paper towels, disposable and cloth diapers and feminine products cause a great deal of problems in the property owner's lateral as well as in the sewer main. These products do not deteriorate quickly. They become lodged in portions of the lateral/main, causing a sewer backup. These products should also be disposed of in the garbage.
- **Roots:** Shrubs and trees, seeking moisture, will make their way into sewer line cracks. These roots can cause extensive damage. They may start out small, getting into a small crack in the pipe; but as the tree or shrub continues to grow, so does the root. After time, this causes your sewer line to break, which in turn allows debris to hang up in the line, thus causing a back up. Old clay or iron pipe may be more susceptible to root penetration but it could happen to new plastic pipe. The other alternative is to avoid planting around your building sewer. If you have continuing problems with tree roots in your building sewer, you may have to have them cut periodically. If you have a plumber cut out roots in your building sewer, please call us, so that we can clean the sewer main.
- **Sewer Odor:** Another concern that property owners have is that they can smell sewer odors inside their home or building. There are many ways to prevent this from occurring. Under each drain in your plumbing system, there is a "P-trap". If there is water in this fitting, odor or gases from the sewer cannot enter through the drain from either the property owner's lateral or the sewer main. Periodically, check to make sure that unused drains, sinks, etc have water in the "P-trap". Another way to prevent sewer odor is to ensure that the vents, which are located on your roof, are free from bird nests, leaves, etc. When these vents are clear, the sewer odors will escape through these vents.
- **Illegal Plumbing Connections:** DO NOT connect French drains, sump pumps, rain gutters, and other flood control systems to your sanitary sewer. It is illegal, and debris and silt will clog your line. That extra storm water in a sewer pipe could cause the pipe to overflow and back up. Consult a plumber to correct any illegal connections.
- **Needles:** Unfortunately, some people dispose of hypodermic needles in the sewer system. The presence of these needles in the wastewater collection system presents special and possible deadly problems for wastewater collection and wastewater treatment employees. **PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH NEEDLES.** The proper method of disposal is to re-cap the needle and put it into a "sharps container". (This could be any rigid plastic container such as a bleach bottle...no milk bottles please.) When it is full, tape the container securely, and call your local pharmacy for advice on proper disposal methods. **PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH THEM OR THROW THEM INTO THE GARBAGE!**
- **Install a Back Flow Prevention Valve:** A back flow prevention valve can prevent or greatly reduce the possibility of a sewer backup. A back flow prevention valve is a fixture installed into a sewer line, and sometimes into a drain line, in the basement of your building to prevent sewer backflows. A properly installed and maintained back flow prevention valve works on a one-way system, sewage can go out, but cannot come back in. Property owners are responsible for the installation and maintenance of back flow prevention valve. The cost to install one is dependent upon the type of plumbing in your home and the difficulty of installation. A qualified plumber can assist you in determining your needs.
- **If you use your basement for storage, use plastic containers to keep your possessions dry.** Place items off the floor on blocks. Plastic garbage bags crack, then leak and aren't good for storage. Imagine that your basement flooded today – how much would you lose? Insurance cannot replace the family pictures and the baby shoes. Protect them and store them in a safe place now.
- **We sincerely wish that sewer lines (main, lateral or a building sewer) never need to be dug up. However, that possibility exists.** Therefore, it is in the homeowner's best interest not to build over any sewer. If there is a sewer right-of-way going through your property, and you place a shed, garage, patio, driveway, etc. over top of it, you are gambling. There is always a chance that the sewer may have to be dug up and you lose the bet.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT PROMOTION

On June 1, 2011 the Borough of Quakertown was proud to promote Detective Sergeant Don Bender to the rank of Lieutenant.

Lieutenant Bender was hired by the Quakertown Police Department in 1988 at the age of 20. In 1992 he received his Associates of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice Administration from Lehigh County Community College. In 1998 he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and was responsible for the direct supervision of his assigned patrol team. After being certified as a Field Training Officer, he assumed responsibility of training newly hired police officers.

In 2004 he was promoted to the rank of

Detective Sergeant and was responsible for the supervision of all criminal investigations within Quakertown Borough. Also in 2004 he received specialized hostage negotiation training from the Federal Bureau of Investigations and joined the Central Bucks Special Response Team as a negotiator. In 2006, Detective Sergeant Bender became a member of the Region V Computer Crime Task Force and also became a sworn Bucks County Narcotics Officer giving him jurisdiction to investigate narcotics cases throughout Bucks County.

Lieutenant Bender has received a wide variety of training in police administration and criminal investigations. He is currently responsible for the daily operations of the police department under the direct supervision of Chief Scott McElree.




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FIREWORKS AND FIRE SAFETY



Every year in the United States, we celebrate the Fourth of July with community parades, picnics, barbecues, and fireworks, the things of which happy memories are made.

But sadly, every Independence Day also includes some tragic events. On average, 32,000 fires occur and 9,300 injuries result from fireworks according to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Fifty-five percent of fires caused by fireworks occur around the Independence Day holiday on July 4th. The safest way to enjoy them is through public displays conducted by professional pyrotechnicians hired by communities. Learning fireworks safety tips can help ensure that everyone has a happy and safe summer holiday.

In 2010, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 9,300 people for fireworks-related injuries. 67% of these injuries occurred between June 19 - July 19. Of these: Children under 15 years old accounted for 39% of the estimated injuries. Children and young adults under 20 years old had 54% of the estimated injuries. An estimated 1,200 injuries were associated with firecrackers. Of these, 700 were associated with small firecrackers, 200 with illegal firecrackers, and 300 where the type of firecracker was not specified. An estimated 1,000 injuries were associated with sparklers and 300 with bottle rockets. The parts of the body most often injured were hands and fingers (estimated 1,900 injuries), eyes (1,600 injuries), and head, face, and ears (900 injuries). More than half of the injuries were burns. Burns were the most common injury to all parts of the body except the eyes, where contusions, lacerations, and foreign bodies in the eye occurred more frequently and most patients were treated at the emergency department and then released. An estimated 8 percent of patients were treated and transferred to another hospital or admitted to the hospital.



How and Why Do These Injuries Occur?

Did you know the tip of a sparkler burns at a temperature of about 2,000°F which is hot enough to cause third degree burns. In spite of federal regulations and varying state prohibitions, many types of fireworks are still accessible to the public. Distributors often sell fireworks near state borders, where laws prohibiting sales on either side of the border may differ. Bottle rockets can fly into peoples' faces and cause eye injuries, sparklers can ignite clothing and firecrackers can injure the hands or face if they explode at close range. Injuries may result from being too close to fireworks when they explode; for example, when someone leans over to look more closely at a firework that has been ignited, or when a misguided bottle rocket hits a nearby person. Younger children often lack the physical coordination to handle fireworks safely. Children are often excited and curious around fireworks, which can increase their chances of being injured (for example, when they examine a firecracker dud that initially fails to ignite). Lastly, homemade fireworks (for example, ones made of the powder from several firecrackers) can lead to dangerous and unpredictable explosions.

What Can I Do?

The best way to protect your family is not to use any fireworks at home period. Attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals. Kids should never play with fireworks. Sparklers can reach 2,000° fahrenheit hot enough to melt some metals. Steer clear, fireworks have been known to backfire or shoot off in the wrong direction. Never throw or point fireworks at someone, even in jest. Don't allow kids to pick up pieces of fireworks after an event. Some may still be ignited and can explode at any time. Think about your pet. Animals have sensitive ears and can be extremely frightened or stressed by the noise on the Fourth of July. Keep pets indoors to reduce the risk that they'll run loose or get injured.





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There is a \$25.00 deposit which will be returned upon return of the trap to the Borough.

Residents interested in borrowing the trap should contact the Borough Manager's office at 215-536-5001 extension 113 for availability.



Residents should limit the length of time that they deploy the trap in order to allow availability to other residents.

BLUE DOLLAR DAY




July 16, 2011 is Blue Dollar Day at the Quakertown Community Pool. Come enjoy the cool water and have a great time for just \$1.00 plus a non-perishable donation to the Quakertown Food Pantry!

Each person donating an item to the Quakertown Food Pantry will have their name entered into a drawing for a free Quakertown Community Pool Beach Towel.

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